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September 22, 2003

Mr. James L. Colter
Remedial Project Manager
Department of the Navy
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
10 Industrial Highway
Lester, PA 10113-2090

Dear Mr. Colter:

Re: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant - Calverton, NY
NYSDEC ID No: 1-4730-00013/00001
EPA I.D. No: NYD003995198

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have statutory requirements under 6 NYCRR Part 373 and 40 C.F.R. Part 264 respectively, to ensure that current human exposures from RCRA regulated hazardous waste facilities are under control and that migration of contaminated groundwater from these facilities is under control.

Recently, representatives from NYSDEC and EPA Region 2 participated in a site visit to the former NWIRP/Grumman facility, located in Calverton, NY. While viewing the remediation activities that are taking place in Sites 6A (Fuel Calibration Area) and 7 (Fuel Depot Area), we noted that there is the potential for soil vapor intrusion into buildings that have been transferred out of navy ownership. The properties in the vicinity of Site 6A are currently are owned by Kamco Supply Company and South Bay Apparel. Those in the vicinity of Site 7 are owned by Calverton Properties, LLC and Stony Brook Manufacturing.

After extensive discussions between EPA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Health and the Suffolk County Department of Health, it was determined that the soil gas in the vicinity of these transferred buildings must be sampled for all contaminants of concern at the site to determine if there is potential for soil gas intrusion into these buildings. Depending on the results of the soil gas samples, additional soil gas and indoor air samples may be required to determine whether soil gas migration is creating a possible human health hazard at the site.

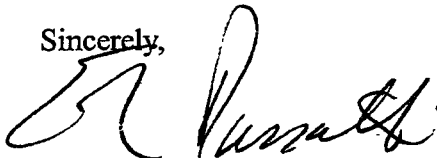
Requested Action

We are requesting that the Department of the Navy, respond to this letter **within 15 days** of the date of this letter to confirm that you have received it and to indicate whether you plan and to conduct the sampling as requested. Please also submit an approvable work plan to NYSDEC and EPA **within 30 days** of receiving this letter.

As our goal for NWIRP-Calverton is to complete the milestone of "current human exposures under control" before March 31, 2004, we are determined to have the sampling done during the fall of this year. We are asking that the Navy conduct the sampling. However, due to the fast-track nature of this project, the EPA will be asked to conduct the sampling if you do not concur within 30 days of the date of this letter. If this occurs, the Navy will still be responsible for any further investigation or remediation found to be necessary.

Please contact Mr. Larry Rosenmann or Mr. Henry Wilkie at (518) 402-8594, if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin Dassatti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a stylized "D".

Edwin Dassatti, P.E.

Director

Bureau of Hazardous Waste & Radiation Management

cc: A. Everett, EPA Region 2
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